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SUBJECT: ACTION REQUEST: CHILE REQUESTS USG ENGAGEMENT IN
PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S FORA

Classified By: Econ/Pol Counselor Tim Stater for reasons 1.4 (b/d)

¶11. (U) This is an action request. Please see paragraph 5.

¶12. (C) In an April 20 meeting, Jorge Chocair, Director of the Public Prosecutor's International Cooperation and Extradition Division, requested that the USG become more involved in international fora for public prosecutors. He identified two organizations where Chile would appreciate increased USG engagement -- the Iberian-American Association of Public Prosecutors (AIAMP) and the World Summit of Attorneys and Prosecutors General. Chocair told Epoloff that active USG participation strengthens the position of moderate countries like Chile. Without the USG, Chocair added, there is a void that is often filled by unhelpful countries such as Iran and Venezuela.

¶13. (C) Chocair specifically asked for high-level USG participation in two AIAMP events scheduled for November 2009 in Guatemala -- the general meeting and a narcotics seminar. He noted the positive feedback received from AIAMP members about USG attendance at the December 2008 Trafficking in Persons summit held in Santiago. Chocair added that, as permanent Secretary General of the AIAMP, Chile does not want the organization to be dominated by countries like Venezuela.

¶14. (C) Looking ahead, Chocair pointed to the World Summit of Attorneys and Prosecutors General as another forum that needs USG participation. He explained that the first summit took place in 2004 in Guatemala and was followed by a 2005 meeting in Qatar. The most recent summit took place in March 2009 in Romania and featured a prominent nine member delegation from Iran. Chile has agreed to host the next summit in 2011, and wants to attract a strong, like-minded group of attendees. While still 23 months away, Chocair made it clear that Chile desperately wants the USG to take an active role in the summit.

¶15. (C) COMMENT AND ACTION REQUEST: As permanent Secretary General of the AIAMP and host of the next World Summit of Attorneys and Prosecutors General, Chile has a vested interest in raising the profile of both groups. Chocair is a trusted Embassy contact and his plea for USG engagement on criminal justice issues is genuine. Post requests feedback from INL/LP, INL/PC and IO/C on possibilities for more active involvement in the AIAMP and the World Summit of Attorneys and Prosecutors General.

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